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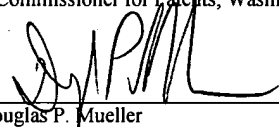
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Applicant: Takeshi TABATA, et al. Examiner: Timothy Vanoy
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Title: NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR
REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 27, 1999, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add the following claim:

19. (New) The process of claim 17, wherein said 90% or more of the hydrocarbons contained in the exhaust gas are saturated hydrocarbons.

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